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apoplexy, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; Bright's disease, 1; old age, 2; total, 17.

Two new cases of diphtheria have been treated by physicians in private practice during the week.

During the month of March of this year there were 131 deaths which, with an estimated population of 40,000, represents an annual death rate of 39.3 per 1,000. In April there were 124 deaths, or 37.2 per 1,000. The following figures show the deaths in March and April in the civil population during the past ten years: March—1888, 81; 1889, 74; 1890, 78; 1891, 107; 1892, 59; 1893, 123; 1894, 87; 1895, 86; 1896, 114; 1897, 333; 1898, (?); 1899, 131. April—1888, 75; 1889, 96; 1890, 70; 1891, 88; 1892, 108; 1893, 127; 1894, 69; 1895, 157; 1896, 220; 1897, 302; 1898, (?); 1899, 124.

During the same week, ended May 6, 21 vessels were inspected, 16 of which upon arrival and 5 prior to departure.

Work on the *Rough Rider* is being pushed as rapidly as possible, but we have to contend with many annoying delays and difficulties.

Reports from Guantanamo and Daiquiri are made the subject of separate letters.

Respectfully, yours,

M. J. ROSENAU,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

EGYPT.

Plague officially reported in Alexandria.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., May 22, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary of State, to inform you that a telegram has just been received from the vice consul general at Cairo, Egypt, which reads as follows, viz: "Two cases plague officially reported Alexandria."

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant.

THOS. W. CRIDLER,

Third Assistant Secretary.

The honorable the SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

GERMANY.

Contagious diseases in the consular district of Magdeburg.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Magdenburg, Germany, May 9, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Treasury Department that small-pox, contagious itch, and ectropium (contagious inflammation) are reported to have broken out among the Polish-Russian field workmen at Roitzsch, Quedlinburg, and Neuwaldensleben, as well as Dönstedt, in this consular district. A number of deaths have occurred. The sanitary boards of the respective places have taken energetic measures to prevent a spreading of the diseases.

I am, sir, very respectfully, yours,

HENRY W. DIEDERICH,

United States Consul.

The honorable the SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.